

**Academy for Classical Education
Junior High School Elective Course Offering 2020-2021**

Note: These are courses being offered; the number of students registered for each course will determine if it is actually taught during the 2020-2021 school year.

Course Number	DESCRIPTION
45.0077000	Well-Trained Mind (6 th /semester long) Required for all 6th grade In this logic-based class, students will explore the connections between the ancient past and modern day. They will investigate the history, literature, art, music and drama of early cultures to better understand their far-reaching impact on the present. Students should be prepared to investigate, explore and create their way through the past as we dig into the story of our world!
35.0270001	Junior High 101 (6 th -7 th /semester long) Required for all 6th grade Struggling to get organized? Can't find your notes when you need them to study? "Managing Junior High" is for students in grades 6-7 to prepare them to be successful at all levels of school. In this course students will learn how they learn best. Using a learning styles inventory, students will explore the many ways that we learn as individuals as well as the study habits they can develop to complement their learning style. Students will learn how to organize their notebooks effectively and efficiently and will be introduced to Cornell Note-taking method which will be used throughout their years in high school and college.
40.0617000	Logic (6 th – 8 th /semester long) Required for all 7th grade Let's argue! That's right, in this semester-long course for 6 th -8 th grade students, you will learn how to argue through the practice of inductive and deductive reasoning. We will focus on informal logic as we learn about fallacies that make arguments weak. We will also study formal logic which involves constructing valid and invalid arguments. You will learn how logic ties into philosophy as we discuss famous philosophers and philosophical schools of thought. Last but not least, you will enhance your critical thinking skills when we practice solving logic puzzles.
45.0087000	Civics (6 th – 8 th /semester long) This semester long class presents a study of our American government and economy. Sub-divisions of this course are citizenship, the historical background and study of our Constitution, and the Executive, Legislative and Judicial process. Students will participate in election and congressional simulations; learn how people create and change structures of power and learn about the US economy. Students will also formulate well-supported opinions on local, national, and global current events through classroom discussions and analysis. The aim of the course is for students to become effective citizens and leaders by using the tools learned in the course to make their communities, their countries, and this world a better place.
53.0531001	Orchestra/Strings I (6 th - 8 th /yearlong) Students may study violin, viola, cello or bass. No prior musical knowledge is needed for this course. This course is open to all 6 th , 7 th and 8 th grade students. Students will gain a thorough foundation for the development of their string playing skills as outlined in the Georgia Performance Standards for middle school and high school orchestra. Orchestra students perform frequently at school and in the community. Weekly practice is required for this course. Students will need to rent or purchase an instrument and buy a beginning method book. There will also be a \$35 fee to cover such costs as bus transportation and LGPE registration. Learning to playing a string instrument will provide a lifetime of musical enjoyment. For more information email rachael.smith@acemacon.org
53.0541001	Orchestra/Strings II (7 th - 8 th /yearlong) <i>Prerequisite: Orchestra/Strings I</i> Second and third year string students will continue study on their instrument (violin, viola, cello, or bass). This class is designed for students who have participated in the ACE Orchestra for at least 1 year or have director permission. Students will continue to gain a foundation for the development of their string playing skills as outlined in the Georgia Performance Standards for middle school and high school Orchestra. Orchestra students perform frequently at school and in the community. Weekly practice is required for this course. Students will need to rent or purchase an instrument and buy a beginning method book. There will also be a fee to cover such costs as bus transportation and LGPE registration. Learning to playing a string instrument will provide a lifetime of musical enjoyment. Course fee is \$35.00
53.0330001	Band I, Beginning (6 th – 8 th /yearlong) Beginning Band is designed for the ACE scholar who has never played a band instrument before or for those who have played a band instrument but have approval from Mr. English to try a new instrument. Scholars will be tested on all of the instruments and, with Mr. English's help, pick the instrument they feel they would be the most successful on. This class meets every day during the school day with four concerts performed throughout the school year. There will be after school band opportunities to further their learning, performances throughout the year, and possible trips in the community and beyond to showcase their abilities. There will be trips with the band throughout the year and several fundraisers to offset those costs. Students will need to rent (or purchase) an instrument and pay a course fee of \$20 for the year. If you have any questions, please direct them to Mr. English via mail. trey.english@acemacon.org
53.0352002	Band II (7 th - 8 th /yearlong) <i>Prerequisite: Band I, Beginning</i> The Junior High Concert Band is open to students that have completed at least one year of study in the JH Beginning Band. This class meets every day during school and has four concerts performed throughout the school year and presents students with additional (optional) extracurricular performance opportunities at the district, region, and state level. There will be trips with the band throughout the year and several fundraisers to offset those costs. Scholars new to ACE will be placed in the appropriate class once they have interviewed with Mr. English about their playing experience. Students will need to rent (or purchase) their instrument and pay a course fee of \$20 for the year.
54.0130001	Chorus Beginning (6 th – 8 th /yearlong) Do you want to have fun, become a better singer, work with your friends, have great competition opportunities, and be a part of a successful organization? Chorus is the place for you! There are choir ensembles for both male and female students interested in vocal music performance. It is also an outlet for the student who enjoys singing for his/her own pleasure. Students will explore various styles of music from different countries, cultures, time periods, and styles. We will have outside of school performances and activities which are part of the course. These activities support and extend our learning in the classroom. There are also special opportunities available for students such as our spring competition trip, Large Group Performance Evaluation field trip and Honor Choir. In chorus you can join the song and join the fun! Participation fee of \$40 For more information email leanne.walters@acemacon.org
54.0140002	Chorus Men II (7 th – 8 th /yearlong) Do you want to have fun, become a better singer, work with your friends, have great competition opportunities, and be a part of a successful organization? Intermediate Men's chorus is the place for you! This ensemble is the entry-level choir for both male students interested in vocal music performance. It is also an outlet for the student who enjoys singing for his own pleasure. Students will explore various styles of music from different countries, cultures, time periods, and styles. We will have outside of school performances and activities which are part of the course. These activities support and extend our learning in the classroom. There are also special opportunities available for students such as our spring competition trip, Large Group Performance Evaluation field trip, and Honor Choir. In chorus you can join the song and join the fun! Participation fee of \$40
54.0140001	Chorus Women II (7 th -8 th /yearlong) In the ACE Bella Voce you will work with other girls to create beautiful music. These Scholars have completed at least one year in a choral ensemble and will perform music that will prepare them for upper level ensembles. Students in this class sing all treble music which is for soprano and alto voices only and will also perform with the men's chorus class. Students will explore various styles of music from different countries, cultures, time periods, and styles. We will have outside of school performances and activities which are part of the course. These activities support and extend our learning in the classroom. There are also special opportunities available for students such as our spring competition trip, Large Group Performance Evaluation field trip and Honor Choir. In chorus you can join the song and join the fun! Participation fee of \$40
54.0150001	Concert Choir (7 th - 8 th yearlong) <i>Prerequisite – Students must have completed one year in chorus or another music performing arts class.</i> Participation in this class is based on music reading proficiency. In the ACE Jr. High Concert Choir you will work with other voice parts to create music. These Scholars have completed at least one year in a music ensemble and will perform music that will prepare them for upper level ensembles in high school. Students in this class sing all SATB music which is for soprano, alto, tenor, and bass voices. Students will explore various styles of music from different countries, cultures, time periods, and styles. We will have outside of school performances and activities which are part of the course. These activities support and extend our learning in the classroom. There are also special opportunities available for students such as our spring competition trip, Large Group Performance Evaluation field trip, Georgia All-State, and District Honor Choir. In chorus you can join the song and join the fun! Participation fee of \$45
53.0930000	Piano I (6 th - 8 th /semester long) Students in Piano I will learn the fundamental techniques for playing the piano. This class will work on reading sheet music, ear training, and sight-reading. Students will experience playing various styles of music. As a result of being in this class, students will have a grasp of playing independently and collaborating with others. Book fee \$60 For more information email tammara.shipes@acemacon.org
	Piano II (7 th – 8 th /semester long) <i>Prerequisite: successful completion on Piano I.</i> Students in Piano II will build upon the fundamental techniques they learned in Piano I. This class will continue to work on reading sheet music, sight-reading, solo work and ensemble work. Students will experience playing various styles of music. As a result of being in this class, students will have a grasp of playing independently and collaborating with others. (The same text is used as Piano I) Book fee \$60, if a scholar doesn't already have the book.
52.0110000	Theatre Arts I (6 th – 8 th /semester long) The purpose of this class is to introduce students to the different elements of theatre. Through taking Drama students will learn about empathy through character study, work as a team and ensemble, learn about the different elements of theatre including technical and design aspects, develop good diction, poise, and stage presence, and more. For more information email shelby.english@acemacon.org

52.0120000	Theatre Arts II (7 th – 8 th /semester long) <i>Prerequisite: Theatre Arts 1</i> This course is for Jr. High students that have already completed Theatre Arts 1. In this course, students will deepen their knowledge of theatre. Students will learn new acting techniques, dig deeper into technical theatre elements, and learn about the theatre rehearsal and production process. Whether students plan on continuing to study theatre or not, by taking this course, students will gain a foundation of skills and abilities to carry them through future life endeavors.
52.0140000	Musical Theatre (6 th – 8 th /yearlong) <i>Prerequisite: Audition/Application Required</i> This course is designed for the student that is interested in Musical Theatre. Scholars will have the opportunity to rehearse, perform, and create various scenes from a variety of musical theatre productions. Because this is a course during the school day, students will be able to be a part of a production with minimal outside of class requirements. Through this course, students will gain performance skills (acting, singing, and dancing), develop distinct characters, and learn the discipline involved in musical theatre. Performances will include in-class and “main-stage” productions. Out-of-school performances and activities are part of the course grade. We will produce two large projects, including a musical revue and full main-stage production. There will be a small class fee to help cover cost of costumes, props, scripts, music, etc. For more information email shelby.english@acemacon.org or leanne.walters@acemacon.org
50.0110001	Art I (6 th - 8 th /semester long) What do Van Gogh, Da Vinci, and Picasso all have in common? They all knew how to work with their hands. In this course we will get our hands on as many artistic tools and materials as possible to give a broad overview of the possibilities that we can reach as artist. We will learn from the masters from the past and develop their ideas and techniques into our very own modern day works of art. We will be using the Principles and Elements of Art to become a better artist.
50.0120001	Art II (7 th – 8 th /semester long) <i>Prerequisite: Art I</i> In this course Scholars will tackle as many artistic processes and materials as they can in just 18 weeks. Scholars will be introduced to new media and techniques that differ from what was learned in Art 6.1. This will further inspire their own unique artistic style and develop a more defined voice as an artist. Scholars will challenge their problem solving skills with every project; from using recycled materials to creating life size sculptures, to discovering nontraditional materials for creating paintings, and much more. We will be using the Principles and Elements of Art to become a better artist.
50.0211000	Visual Arts/Comp I (8 th -12 th /yearlong) TEACHER APPROVAL FOR 8TH GRADERS <i>(This is a high school course open to 8th graders per teacher recommendation; the course and the grade will be on the high school transcript)</i> Let's get creative! Come use your imagination as we learn different processes and techniques to create art. In this class, scholars will learn a variety of art techniques including but not limited to, drawing, painting, color theory, design principles, shading, realism, abstract, and nonobjective art. Knowledge is gained through demonstration, lecture, application, and vocabulary. The majority of work in this class involves hands-on creations that allow scholars a creative outlet to express themselves artistically. We will be using the Principles and Elements of Art to become a better artist.
06.0410000	Basic Skills of Marketing (6 th – 8 th grade/semester long) Do you know what gets people to buy things? Have you ever had an idea that you would like to turn into a profitable business? In this introductory course to Marketing, you will learn the why & the how businesses market products. You will also learn how entrepreneurs start & keep successful businesses. We learn & apply all of these marketing concepts through fun in-class projects as well as through different computer programs. Come discover how marketing affects your life every day—you will never look at another advertisement the same again after this class!! For more information email kimberly.dodd@acemacon.org
07.0830001	Business & Computer Science I (6 th - 8 th /semester long) Required for all 7th graders Do you want to create amazing things with Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Publisher, and Excel? This is the class for you! Become a responsible online Digital Citizen, while creating magazine covers, brochures, and professional looking presentations. Did you know you can create videos and animations with PowerPoint? Yes, and it is simple! Learn how to create your own graphics in Publisher, use the power of a spreadsheet to perform calculations, and create charts and graphs from your data. You will learn the basics of coding and be on your way to developing your very own video game! Office is used throughout the course, but you will be able to use several other websites to create animations, graphics, and websites. We will also explore computer science-related careers. This course will increase your technology confidence and skills while keeping you aware of all aspects of online activities. For more information email laurie.colter@acemacon.org
07.0840001	Business & Computer Science II (7 th - 8 th /semester long) <i>Prerequisite: BCS I</i> Now you have sharp Office skills, so let's take on advanced documents and projects. In this course we learn many aspects of Workplace Communications, such as how to format a professional email and business letter, how to format a research paper, and how to complete a Mail Merge. We use Smile and Succeed for Teens to learn the must-know people skills in today's wired world. This book is a crash course in face to face communication! You will learn many advanced skills in Excel, including creating formulas, creating charts and graphs, sorting and filtering tables, and working with functions. You also learn how to navigate and manipulate multiple spreadsheets in a workbook. Students will learn to construct a database using Microsoft Access, creating tables, forms and reports. Students will create a resume and letter for finding that first job or applying for scholarships. Coding allows students to practice math and critical thinking skills by programming, being creative and having fun! We will also perform basic programming tasks with JavaScript and Python. Be an Entrepreneur for a day, create a business plan, and learn important job skills that will last a lifetime.
11.0300000	Computer Science I (<i>Recommend for 8th Semester long</i>) <i>Prerequisite: BCS I</i> Do you enjoy solving logic puzzles, algorithms, and computer programming? If so, this is the course for you! There will be over 200,000 computer science jobs available in the US next year, and not nearly enough graduates to fill them. Get a head start on your career and learn the basics of JavaScript, Python, C+, C++ and HTML. Some of the topics we will explore are Algorithms and programming, Computer Graphics, and Robotics. Tools like Scratch, Coding Combat, and Code.org and more will be used to allow students to access and develop the core concepts and skills of Computer Science, problem solving, critical thinking, and logical reasoning. Projects in this course emphasize the creativity inherent in Computer Science. We will also explore careers in computer science, and create fun projects while learning essential programming skills. For more information email laurie.colter@acemacon.org
48.5610000	Intro to Graphic Design (8 th – 12 th /yearlong) TEACHER APPROVAL FOR 8TH GRADERS Intro to Graphic Design is a course primarily dedicated to learning how to use Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. We will start with basic photography, using DSLR cameras inside the classroom, eventually moving to basic photo editing, then photo compositing in Photoshop. In Adobe Illustrator, we will learn how to create stunning vector designs, logos, and typography, as well as basic web design and web development. Along the way we will discuss the basic principles of design, advertising, and marketing oneself to be considered for freelance work in Graphic Design. This course requires some previous knowledge of how files are stored on your computer, different file types, and how files are shared between others. If both technology and art interest you, this is a great creative outlet for both! (<i>This is a high school course open to 8th graders with teacher approval ONLY; the course and the grade will be on the high school transcript.</i>) john.lobello@acemacon.org
10.5181000	Audio & Video Technology I (8 th - 12 th /yearlong) TEACHER APPROVAL FOR 8TH GRADERS A/V Technology and Film is a class all about making movies. We start by learning basic camera angles, camera movements, and editing techniques. We will then split off into groups and create films from our own imagination, learning the production process from script to screen. We will be working with professional camera equipment and editing software, and a lot of time will be devoted to learning how we edit films on the computer. We will also learn basic animation, audio production, as well as film review and critique. A/V Tech and Film requires some previous knowledge of how files get stored on your computer, different file types, and not a small amount of bravery as you film yourself and watch your movies in class. If you have an interest in making films, or just want to learn how to inject your social media with some quality content, this is the course for you! (<i>This is a high school course open to 8th graders with teacher approval ONLY; the course and the grade will be on the high school transcript.</i>) john.lobello@acemacon.org
61.0380001	Latin I (6 th -8 th /semester long) Required for all 8th graders In this introductory course to Latin, students will become acquainted with the Latin language by the means of reading and translating Latin stories. Students will be introduced to basic grammatical structures throughout the stories as well as a multitude of vocabulary words. Students will make connections to today's society with the vocabulary as well as discover similarities in culture. Although spoken Latin is not the main objective, students will use the language to answer simple questions and to create simple sentences of their own. Mythology and Roman history will be a main focus.
	Latin II (7 th - 8 th /semester long) <i>Prerequisite Latin I</i> Students refine reading skills in Latin as well as continue to strengthen their English reading and vocabulary skills through vocabulary building and analyzing sentence structure. Through the reading selections and class discussions, students acquire a more in-depth knowledge about the daily lives and history of the Romans and continue to make comparisons relevant to today's society.
60.0070005	French Culture (6 th -8 th /semester long) The intent of this class is to expose your child to a different country, language, daily life, and culture other than their own, “to broaden their horizons.” Students will learn basic French vocabulary and be able to communicate with simple questions and answers. Students will also learn about French history, art, literature, music and the basic geography of France. Vive la France!
36.0080001	Physical Education 7.1 (6 th -8 th /semester long) Learn the basic skills and rules of soccer, basketball, volleyball, etc. Learn how to be a good sport, both on and off the field.
36.0510008	Personal Fitness (8 th -12 th /yearlong) This course is required of all students for high school graduation. However, some 8 th graders are allowed to take this course for credit. Personal Fitness will cover aspects of fitness, health, and wellness. Students will work in the classroom and participate in a variety of fitness activities. Students will gain an awareness of what exercise is and does scientifically. Students will learn what determines good health and fitness. Students will know healthy habits, healthy nutrition, and discover their own fitness level. Students will set short and long term goals regarding their personal fitness. (<i>This is a high school course open to 8th graders; the course and the grade will be on the high school transcript.</i>)